

CLASS - VIII SOCIAL SCIENCE NOTES NOVEMBER

Geography: 4. Industries

I. Answer the following Questions:

1. What is meant by the term 'industry'?

Industry refers to economic activity that is concerned with the production of goods, extraction of minerals, or provision of services.

2. Which are the main factors which influence the location of an industry?

The location of industries is affected by the availability of raw material, land, water, labour, power, capital, transport, and market.

3. Which industry is often referred to as the backbone of modern industry and why?

Ships, trains, trucks, and automobiles are made largely of steel. From safety pins to big ships are made from steel.

- Oil wells are drilled with steel machinery.
- Steel pipelines transport oil.
- Minerals are mined with steel equipment.
- Farm machines are mostly made of steel.
- Large buildings have steel framework.

4. Distinguish between the following.

(i) Agro-based and mineral based industry

Agro-based Industry	Mineral-based Industry
1. Agro-based industries use plant and animal based products as their raw material.	1. Mineral-based industries use mineral ores as their raw material.
2. Examples of raw materials used: animal skin, crops.	2. Examples of raw materials used: iron ore, limestone.
3. Examples of industries: leather industry, food processing.	3. Examples of industries: iron and steel industry.

(ii) Public sector and joint sector industry

Public Sector Industry	Joint Sector Industry
1. Public sector industries are owned and run by the government.	1. Joint sector industries are owned and operated by the state as well as individuals.
2. Examples: Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.	2. Examples: Maruti Udyog.